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THAT VINDICATION.

The morning paper of this city declares that the decision of the legislature in favor of the former action electing Judge Fall to the United States Senate from New Mexico is a "vindication" of the morning paper. Today it can go so far as to urge Senator Fall to make a record so that he can be elected six years hence. It is gradually coming to the point of assuming the people that it has secured a great victory in their behalf in bringing about the election of the man whom it has bitterly fought, for reasons best known to itself, ever since he was mentioned for the senate. It makes the startling statement that it has taught Senator Fall a wholesome lesson, presumably by reason of the fact that he is to be re-elected.

The morning paper when occasion requires can make use of some reasoning which utterly baffles the ordinary reader. Apparently no results can be administered if it cannot be argued into a vindication or a victory. Within the past two weeks the morning paper has said:

"Fall must be re-elected if the state of New Mexico is to secure any greater advantage in the United States senate than can be brought about by the untold efforts of Senator Catron. He is the only senator from New Mexico at this time. He should have a colleague."

"He knows that the people of New Mexico have weighed him in the balance and found him wanting. He knows he cannot be elected again."

"The legislature must elect someone other than Albert B. Fall to represent this state in the United States senate. Should Senator Fall be re-elected, the Republican party in New Mexico is doomed."

In brief the morning paper has demanded that Senator Fall be re-elected, that he should not be re-elected, and has issued orders to the state legislature not to re-elect him.

In the face of this the legislature has gone on record by an overwhelming majority in favor of the re-election of Judge Fall.

If this be a "vindication" for the morning paper we must confess we are out of our depth. That it should bring the morning paper around to hoping that Fall will be elected again six years hence is perhaps more easily understood.

FALL AND MEXICO.

The morning paper of this city has frequently voiced rather pre-emptive criticism of Senator Fall for his alleged activities "in behalf of old Mexico."

This is worth looking into. The average new member of the United States senate is supposed to go away back an old timer. He is not supposed to peep until his period of probation is over. Yet the entire senate appointed Mr. Fall, the new senator from New Mexico, with Senator Smith as a special member of the committee on foreign affairs, perhaps the most important committee of the senate. Senator Fall was entrusted with a leading part in the investigation of the most important situation now confronting the country—the relations of the United States and Mexico. The honor, for a new man, is unprecedented in the senate. It has given the new state a tremendous amount of advertising all over the United States and the world.

The honor is not only for the new senator but for the new state which he represents. It is a little difficult to say how much a tribute to Mr. Fall from the entire United States senate is a matter for criticism by a New Mexico newspaper.

PLAIN AND FANCY FICHON.

The Herald is in receipt of a communication regarding the prevailing fashion in "popular" fiction which strikes a responsive chord. It is worth while some day when you have plenty of valuable time to take up a bunch of popular magazines and casually glance through the pages of a few of the stories—"red-blooded," "gripping," "pulse-stirring," "clever," "amoral," "graphic" or otherwise. In the great majority of cases the hero

has a talk. Now most of us can imagine or picture falls would be embarrassed to death to have to ask James or Hawkins or Jenkins or Williams to put the study in our other suit and buy out our lavender pants, not to mention preparing the bath and bringing in our diamond-set cigar case.

Again, the hero generally dabbles a little in "The Street," motors to Palm Beach, has done a trifle of shooting in India and Africa, and is taken from cruising around the Mediterranean, leaving about the Riviera, and climbing the heavenly steps of the Himalayas. Invariably he meets a beautiful young lady with bronze-gold hair that glows in the sun, who is "thoroughly alive" or "vital." Introducing himself informally at a lounge or spot on the beach to this charming sister stranger, and in five minutes she says "But tell me about yourself." Then he proceeds with a self-deprecatory air to confess that all he has ever done is the few brief trifles mentioned above. He is long on "apolitical romance" has a half dozen cars ranging in price from \$5,000 to \$25,000; has gray eyes with a "glint of cold steel" in them when one of his half-sister's tailors has the nerve to present a bill; always a firm, square jaw and a form like an Adonis; dances divinely and always demonstrates when desperate passion moves him to earn his living at some nebulous toll that in spite of his being the pumpered son of a millionaire money king he has "red blood" in his veins and an indomitable spirit via which he rapidly works all the kings of high finance, becomes owner of the bank or the steel mills and triumphantly wins his bride.

Of course, as we told you before, he does a lot of idle flicking of the ash from gold-monogrammed cigarettes and aromatic Havanas while the story proceeds. He always does everything "quietly," walks quietly, quietly enters his motor and drives to the Gare du Nord, quietly faces the choicest board of directors, quietly chokes the ruffian, quietly puts a crimp in the villain and quietly orders another whiskey and soda or gin rickey. His quietness is something appalling and the way men fall away from that grim steel in his eye is a fright.

Well, we have wandered a long way from the communication referred to, but the idea is the same. It is as follows:

"Neither the girl nor the boy of this story have long tapering fingers or white, shapely hands, and arms. They are the sort we meet only occasionally, not the kind we bump elbows with daily. They are healthy, wide-awake, energetic, ambitious youngsters, with brain and soul and heart. Neither has made an attempt at New York society and neither has been inclined to. They have chosen some paths of real life, however, the experience of which we deem more worthy of chronicling than those unscrupulous follies and idiocies of a famous quadrille leader. With this slight hint as to the nature of the principal characters of the succeeding story, we leave the merits of the story to the reader, believing that he has had enough purely imaginative idealism in late fiction and believing that he will enjoy a story true to life and one which is not only probable, but actual."

Don't you think a pretty good story might be written under an introductory statement similar to the above?

HELP THE OTHER FELLOW.

The editor of the Willard Record in the following has some good advice for every community in New Mexico: The Terrance County Development Association, which was organized at the Montclair Chautauque last August, is just entering upon an era of great good. From the lack of funds the work is necessarily hampered to a great extent, and it is for this reason that the people of our county should in all cases give their aid. The organization was perfected as a means by which our resources could be brought to the attention of the people of the outside.

In union there is strength. Thus, if the people of our county as a whole should combine the power for the good of our county would be great. In discussion there is retrogression, decay and death. The success of former organizations have demonstrated this fact, and also the power of concentrated action. Our experience in later years has proven the suicidal fallacy of trying to build up by tearing down. It will not work. This fact should be impressed. We cannot help the other fellow without helping ourselves. It is equally true, we cannot hurt the other fellow without hurting ourselves. This is true of communities as well as individuals.

We have admitted resources, undeveloped. We need and must have capital to develop them. Capital is conservative; it will not come into a divided community; it never hunts trouble. Good advertising creates values. Poor advertising is energy worse than wasted. The best advertising is that

backed by a community organization. The day of bombastic individual advertising is past. You can feel the man that you do not want, but you cannot feel the man that you do want. Everybody in Terrance county can help, and it is their duty to do so.

Financing a market for stuff produced is important. This association, through committees for that purpose, can do more in that direction than any or all the merchants. The merchant may be influenced by personal interests. The statements made by this organization will carry conviction.

This is a day of cooperation. Terrance county has led off; let's make it big something worth while. To do this we need the support of every individual in the county. All commercial clubs and similar organizations can do a great good by giving their support to this county association.

The next meeting will be held in Willard the first Monday in next month. Let us make it a record breaking meeting.

THE COUNTY AS THE UNIT.

The plan suggested by the Herald some time ago that steps be taken toward securing commission form of government for counties in New Mexico has aroused more or less interest and we have heard more or less comment by thoughtful citizens approving the idea as a plan based upon efficiency and economy and as putting the local government more effectively in the hands of the people. The more one considers the scheme of putting the entire administration of all county affairs into the hands of one board of three men directly answerable to the people who elect them, the more its manifest advantages appear.

The idea of the county as a complete administrative unit is growing all the time. One recent development of it is the county road board plan; another is the state-wide movement among educators in favor of the county unit plan of school administration.

Along the same line is the idea of the county as a resource-developing unit, manifested in the organization of county farmers' institutes and county development associations. The efficiency of the latter type of organization is being amply demonstrated in Terrance county, for instance, where the Terrance County Development Association, practically a new proposition, has already done more to advertise the county's possibilities and organize the people for development than anything in the history of that county.

There are great possibilities in the county unit plan as applied to nearly every phase of growth, development, taxation, government, education, advertising and general progress. Its possibilities should be thoroughly studied by the people of the state and every practicable step taken in the direction of county unity and concerted action for the public welfare. It is a splendid way to develop rule by the people.

Representative John Baron Burg and Senator Suker of Bernalillo county should be given a lot of credit for their decision to work with the Republican majority in the legislature for all reasonable and fair legislation looking to the welfare of the state. Both have wisely reasoned that the way to get things for their constituents is to work with the majority as far as possible, and both realize that they have been elected to look after the interests of their home county as far as possible. In subordinating their political opinions to the work of getting results these men have shown a broad spirit which is fully appreciated in Albuquerque.

THE STATE PRESS

Oh, Yes.
 A young Illinois swain, after receiving a very decided rejection from his sweetheart, sent her a statement of \$271.62 for flowers, candy, and opera tickets. If he can't do any more cooling he seems determined to keep up billing.—Fort Sumner Review.

Fine Scheme.
 A mosquito lays forty eggs a day. It might be well to let a few run with your hens for breeding purposes.—Fort Sumner Review.

New Budget.
 A number of law-abiding citizens will soon become subjects for a few months.—Fort Sumner Review.

Horrid Man.
 There will be no silent vote among the women voters.—Socorro Chieftain.

The Reason.
 God probably never intended man to be satisfied—because if he was he would have nothing to pray for.—Socorro Chieftain.

Search Is.
 What is the key of holding the key to the situation if you can't find the keyhole?—Montezuma Republican.

Paradise.
 It is a sort of paradox when a fellow pines his watch to have a good time.—San Marcial Standard.

Few Do.
 Long observations has led us to question whether anyone knows much about the tariff or the spirit world.—San Marcial Standard.



In That Dear Turkey.
 A bomb went Blim!
 And Mr. Naim!
 Pasha in the window—sent!
 Poor old Naim!
 We're through with him—
 His story's short and sweet.
 But Ibrahim!
 And Said Halim!
 And Talaat Bey have come to stay!
 They're in the swim!
 To work the film!
 Plan game until another day.
 Old Kiamil!
 Went through the mill—
 (They say he was a perfect pili)
 And Bakharar and Hadikar!
 And Had! Adil!
 Will get their fill!
 With Rifkat and with Mukhtar.
 Hairi Pasha!
 And Tom Pasha!
 And Dick Pasha and Bill Pasha!
 Oskan and Tschurukula!
 And the Mahmud Shoket Pasha!
 Will sit around and talk and jaw!
 Until the Balkans fill their crav'
 And they wish they'd saved Naim!
 Pshaw!

LONDON NOW feels that the war will go on to the finish. We had that feeling all along.

WE JUDGE that the customers are the waiters in those strike-ridden lobster palaces of New York.

MUST BE NICE to live up in Colorado where the railroads just can't help issuing passes.

FORCING seventy-five year old jurors to serve in that Durrow case looks a little like cruelty to animals.

STRANGE that anything as big as a billion-dollar banking trust should be so hard to find.

THE DEMOCRATS are evidently determined to let Mr. Tatt be a highly ornamental president until March 4th.

HEALY, our idea of the busy man is the number of the legislature of the grand old state of Wyoming where the yellow stones grow.

THERE'S a woman in the electoral college—and like as not she'll go right to flirting with the young professors.

ROSWELL pumped over three million gallons of water last year. Evidently there is more than one kind of a thirst over in that city.

AS A HUNDINGER, self-cooking, double-back action patent automatic vindication for the morning's morning, the ratification of Mr. Fall's election will take the confectionery.

EDISON, the wizard, is too busy inventing to bother about going out to receive a gold medal. Probably all the medals in the world don't look half as important to him as finishing up a wireless bathtub or a

scheme to perfect a self-emptying coal scuttle.

VERA CRUZ is reported tranquil. Probably this is only because the rebels can't be every place at once. Vera Cruz isn't likely to suffer from ennui.

AND FOR THE sake of progress don't chop down the salaries of the school superintendents. In this as in the advertising that Kurnel Twitchell told us about, brains cost money.

WHAT WE should like to know is whether or not the English women after securing the ballot will have all the shop windows officially smashed and establish a department for the injection of soothing syrup (no violet into mail boxes).

Among the Boosters

Good Work in Silver City.
 With a gathering of citizens which made the securing of a larger meeting place one of the important things discussed, the Silver City Business Men's association and chamber of commerce held its semi-annual election of officers in the city hall, Friday night.

Mr. Herndon Lehr, manager of the Crescent Lumber company, was the man chosen to guide the destinies of the organization for the coming six months. Mr. Lehr is one of the most public spirited and progressive of the younger business men of the town, and under him the Business Men's association will undoubtedly continue to be the dominant factor in the advancement of the town that it has been during the first year of its existence.

The retiring president of the organization, Mr. Harry W. Lamb, is to be congratulated on the success of his administration. He is, moreover, deserving of the thanks of the citizens for the care and attention given the work of his office—work which was for the general good of the town.—Silver City Independent.

Now You're Talking.
 There is no better thing for the business interests of Gallup than to revive the commercial club and keep it revived. With the beginning of the New Year is a good time to do this.—McKinley County Republican.

How It Happened.
 Some of the outside papers have been devoting quite a bit of space to certain burglaries that are supposed to have happened in Tucuman recently. Now the truth of the matter is this: Last week some dope fiend broke into a drug store and a couple of doctors' offices, evidently in search of morphine to quiet his nerves. It is thought that the officers have arrested the guilty party.—Tucuman Sun.

Home Mission Work.
 Patronize home industry, convert the heathen at home first. It is a hard job for we have been trying to get some new advertising.—Fort Sumner Review.

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